

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Election of a single disclosed specie of a polymer dispersion composition is required.

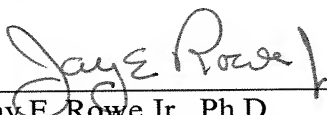
Applicants provisionally elect as a single disclosed species, for examination purposes only, an alkyldiketene-containing aqueous polymer dispersion wherein the alkyldiketene is **stearyldiketene** and the monoethylenically unsaturated monomer is **styrene**.

Claims 1-22 and 24-28 read upon this species combination.

Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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